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DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

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**No. 5(1)PA-52.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (3) of article 118 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Chairman of the Council of States and the Speaker of the House of the People, is pleased to make the following Rules as to the procedure with respect to joint sittings of, and communications between, the two Houses of Parliament, namely:—

## THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT (JOINT SITTINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS) RULES

### CHAPTER I—PRELIMINARY

**1. Short title.**—These Rules may be called the Houses of Parliament (Joint Sitings and Communications) Rules.

**2. Definitions.**—In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Council" means the Council of States;
- (b) "House" means the House of the People;
- (c) "Houses" means the Council of States and the House of the People;
- (d) "Joint Sitting" means a joint sitting of the Houses;
- (e) "Member" means a member of the Council or of the House;
- (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the House and includes any person for the time being performing the duties of the Secretary of the House;
- (g) "Speaker" means the Speaker of the House

### CHAPTER II—JOINT SITTINGS OF HOUSES

**3. Summons to Members.**—The Secretary shall issue a summons to each Member specifying the time and place for a joint sitting.

**4. Time of sittings.**—The hour upon which a joint sitting shall adjourn and the day and hour or the part of the same day to which it shall be adjourned shall be determined by the Speaker.

**5. Presiding Officers.**—During the absence of the Speaker from any joint sitting, the Deputy Speaker of the House or, if he is also absent, the Deputy Chairman of the Council or, if he is also absent such other person as may be determined by the Members present at the sitting, shall preside.

**6. Quorum.**—The quorum to constitute a joint sitting shall be one-tenth of the total number of Members of the Houses.

**7. Procedure.**—At any joint sitting the procedure of the House shall apply with such modifications and variations as the Speaker may consider necessary or appropriate.

**8. Report of proceedings of joint sittings.**—The Secretary shall cause to be prepared a full report of the proceedings of every joint sitting, and shall, as soon as practicable, publish it in such form and manner as the Speaker may, from time to time, direct.

#### CHAPTER III—COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HOUSES

**9. Communication by messages.**—Communications between the Houses shall be by messages.

**10. Mode of sending messages.**—Every message from the House to the Council or from the Council to the House shall be in writing or in print or partly in writing and partly in print and shall be signed by the Secretary of the House or the Council and conveyed to the Secretary of the Council or House, as the case may be.

**11. Communication of messages to Members.**—(1) If any such message is received by the Secretary of the House or the Council when it is in session, shall report the message to the House or the Council, as the case may be, at the first convenient opportunity after its receipt.

(2) Whenever the House or the Council to which a message is sent is not in session, a copy of the message shall, as soon as it is received by the Secretary of the House or the Council, be forwarded by him to every Member of the House or the Council, as the case may be.

**12. Procedure to deal with the subject matter of the message.**—The subject matter of the message shall be dealt with by the House or the Council, as the case may be, to which the message is sent according to the rules regulating its procedure and the conduct of its business.

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